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TO AMEMBASSY COLOMBO

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FOR AMBASSADOR FROM MALOTT, NEA/INS

E.O. 11652:N/A

TAGS: EAIR, BTIO, CE

SUBJECT: AIR CEYLON REQUEST FOR MANAGEMENT ASSISTANCE

REF: 76 COLOMBO 5142

1. AS YOU REQUESTED, PHILLIPS TALBOT GOT IN TOUCH WITH NAJEEB HALABY CONCERNING SUBJECT REQUEST. HALABY SAID BEST WAY TO PURSUE MATTER WOULD BE FOR SOMEONE TO GO TO COLOMBO AND DISCUSS THIS WITH INTERESTED PARTIES. HE WILL BE TRAVELING IN GULF AREA IN FIRST HALF OF FEBRUARY AND SAID THAT IF YOU WOULD LIKE HIM TO DO SO, HE WOULD BE GLAD TO GO TO SRI LANKA FOR 3-4 DAY VISIT.

2. AMBASSADOR TALBOT ALSO TALKED TO PERSONAL AIDE TO PAN AM BOARD CHAIRMAN WILLIAM SEAWELL, WHO WILL RELAY YOUR MESSAGE TO SEAWELL UPON HIS RETURN TO NEW YORK LATER THIS WEEK.

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3. EB BUREAU WILL MAKE THIS INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO WASHINGTON OFFICES OF U.S. AIRLINES. IT WOULD BE USEFUL FOR US TO HAVE AVAILABLE SOME GENERAL, UNCLASSIFIED INFORMATION ABOUT AIR CEYLON AND ITS CURRENT SITUATION WHICH COULD BE DISTRIBUTED TO INTERESTED REPRESENTATIVES. CHRISTOPHER

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